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NORTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL COMMUNITY BASED TRAINING (EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION)

GRANT PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION

RFGA # FTF-RC012-11-0280-00

FACT SHEET

WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS FIRST NORTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL COMMUNITY-BASED TRAINING (EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION) GRANT PROGRAM?

The North Phoenix Council has identified the need to provide high quality, best practice, community-based professional development opportunities to enhance the skills of those working with children birth through age five. The intended target population of this funding opportunity is the early childhood development workforce. This includes early care and education providers, teachers, directors, program owners, and others working directly with children birth through age five and their families.

Applicants will need to show how they will increase the availability of, and participation in, high quality professional development opportunities for those working with children birth through age five through community-based professional development. Applicants must provide their plans for outreach, recruitment, engagement and retention of early care and education professionals. Additionally, the program must support and encourage participants' continuing education (i.e., through CDA certification and/or college coursework) by providing resources, information, and by partnering with local community colleges and early childhood professional associations. Cultivating relationships with higher education institutions to facilitate the acceptance of credit for community-based professional development is essential.

This service may involve multi-day model conferences, seminars, lectures, and creating cohorts of participants. Sessions may occur within early care and education settings to provide opportunities for on-site technical assistance, mentorship, and/or supervision. Applicants should demonstrate their capacity to provide creative training alternatives, which may be able to provide effective and comprehensive programs to the largest number of participants.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

Approximately \$200,000 is available in this Request for Grant Application. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds. The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

March 3, 2010	RFGA available on-line
March 23, 2010	Pre-Application Conference First Things First, 8 th floor Board Room, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 pm. at 4000 N. Central Ave., 8 th Floor Board Room, Phoenix, AZ 85012
April 14, 2010	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 11:00 a.m.
July 1, 2010	Anticipated grant awards made

HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

Please visit the First Things First web site on or after March 3, 2010: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include **RFGA # FTF-RC012-11-0280-00** in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at grants@azftf.gov or via fax at (602) 265-0009.